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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/OT

SUBJECT

: Economic Training for DDO Officers

An informal survey of several DDO Divisions indicated very little interest in an OTR course in economics. During the fall of 1973 OER and several DDO Divisions discussed the need for increased economic reporting by our stations overseas. At that time OER offered to provide a course for DDO officers, but this was generally declined by the Divisions. The Divisions felt that specialized economic training was no more needed than specialized scientific training would be for a case officer who was handling a scientist. Several Divisions have taken advantage of the excellent FSI course in economics which I now understand may be offered three times a year. Lastly, specialized briefings can always be secured from OER on particular subjects and problems.

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